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July 7, 2021

**BY ECF AND EMAIL**

Honorable Richard J. Sullivan  
United States Circuit Judge  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: United States v. John Luke Shannon,**  
**18 Cr. 809 (RJS)**

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I write to update the Court concerning Mr. Shannon's medical condition. Dr. Vehra has not yet completed his evaluation of Mr. Shannon because of delays in obtaining an MRI. (I understand that the imaging was difficult to arrange because it had to be performed under sedation administered by an anesthesiologist given Mr. Shannon's severe claustrophobia.) The MRI was finally completed on or about July 1, and results were reported to Dr. Vehra's office on or about July 5. On July 6, Mr. Shannon was present in that office to receive the results but suffered an episode and fall in the waiting room and was taken to Banner Thunderbird Medical Center's emergency room for possible stroke. He was admitted and remains in the hospital.

Mr. Shannon has plane tickets to travel to North Carolina to surrender on July 12 if the Court requires, but we ask that the Court instead adjourn his surrender by another 30 days to allow Dr. Vehra to complete his assessment and to allow Mr. Shannon to recover and to avoid the risks of with flying shortly after a stroke.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
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cc: AUSA Cecilia Vogel

The request for adjournment of Defendant's surrender date is DENIED. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Defendant shall surrender into the custody of the Bureau of Prisons as currently scheduled on July 12, 2021.

Date: July 8, 2021  
New York, NY

SO ORDERED:



**RICHARD J. SULLIVAN**  
U.S.C.J., Sitting by Designation